

PLAN TO ORGANIZE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

COMMUNITY CENTERS ESSENTIAL WAR ORGANIZATIONS — AP. PROVED BY WILSON.

DISPATCHES FROM COLUMBIA

Doings and Happenings That Mark the Progress of South Carolina People, Gathered Around the State Capital.

Columbia. The important work being done by the State and County Councils of Defense is more or less familiar to the people of South Carolina. In forming these councils the government had in view the welding together of the entire people into a homogenous mass, the promotion of a better understanding, sympathy and unity of purpose and the safeguarding of the national interests through the agency of the sovereign people. It is evident from a bulletin recently published by the Bureau of Education that the work hitherto done by the councils will be vastly extended.

President Wilson has endorsed the proposed extension of the council's functions and council officials here heartily approve of the plan and recommend it of the consideration of their constituency as a movement which should receive the support of all patriots in every walk of life.

The community center idea is to make every school district a little democracy and a community council for national service and of every schoolhouse a community capitol. The three most urgent needs of the times, it is pointed out, is to mobilize intelligence, food and money. But the people, all the people, even in the remotest corners of the land, must be mobilized first. They must be aroused and informed so that each individual may play his part in this struggle intelligently and creditably. Organization alone will enable them to do this and in order to perfect an organization they must come together.

For this purpose the schoolhouse is especially fitted.

Secure Certificates to Buy Sugar.

Blank application forms on which to apply for sugar distribution certificates have been mailed to all retail grocers, public eating places and bakers by the federal food administration for South Carolina at Columbia. Applicants for sugar distribution certificates must fill out the blank application forms sent to them and return them, as directed on the form to the food administration at Columbia.

Retail dealers in sugar, public eating places, including hotels, boarding houses and restaurants which serve as many as 25 people a day, and licensed bakers who have not received blank application forms on which to apply for sugar distribution certificates should write to the food administration at Columbia for them. Statement "EE" application forms have been mailed to retail dealers in sugar; statement "C" application forms to grocers, including board and statement "D" forms bakers.

In cases the application is filled out by the merchant who need them.

Some Recent Appointments.

Governor Manning made the following appointments: J. R. Parker of Aiken county, as commissioner of state and county elections, vice S. H. Hankenson, resigned. James McBride of Florence county as commissioner of state and county elections, vice J. L. Barringer, resigned.

B. M. D. Livingston of Prosperity, Newberry county, as supervisor of roads, vice George H. Robertson, resigned. Flagler of Cades, Williamsburg county, as supervisor of registration, vice J. McFadden, resigned.

J. M. Halford of Blackville, Barnwell county, as superintendent of registration, vice J. J. Ray, deceased.

Club Enrollment Lagging.

Dispatches from the various counties indicate that enrollment for the primary is lagging throughout the state. In some counties not more than 5 per cent of the voters are enrolled and in many instances not more than 10 or 12 per cent. Some counties have evidence of organized effort to impress upon the voters the necessity of enrolling to qualify to cast their ballots in the approaching primary.

A complete registration of all the electors of the state is also necessary this year.

U. S. Aids Bridge Building.

At the regular meeting of the state highway commission additional federal aid projects were approved. The largest sum involved being for aid in the construction of a bridge over Thickety Creek on the National Highway in Cherokee county, carrying an appropriation of \$20,000. The commission allowed McCormick county federal aid amounting to \$11,201.99, and approved surveys in Greenwood and Edgefield counties to determine the location of the Dixie highway passing through those counties.

Governor Manning has appointed Christie Benet, prominent attorney of Columbia and close personal friend and political adviser of the governor, to be the successor to the late United States Senator B. R. Tillman. In that the vacancy extends through approximately eight months and as an appointee by the governor could hold but six months, Mr. Benet will go before the people and ask for the short term nomination. Mr. Benet announced that he would go in the primary immediately after the appointment had been made. In making the appointment Governor Manning said:

"My responsibility in appointing Senator Tillman's successor impresses me deeply.

"The occasion calls for a man of full physical and mental vigor, who can present to the people of our state the grave issues of the war and the supreme necessity that every sacrifice should be made, who can gain for the government the full support of our citizens, and who knows and can explain the colossal task that confronts President Wilson and his assistants. I have appointed one whose sterling Americanism is undoubted, who is familiar with the plans and the needs of the administration, and who will stand four square and undisputed in support of the war and successful and forcible conclusion of it.

"I have appointed Christie Benet of Columbia. He had his papers prepared to enlist in the army, and had notified the proper military officers to that effect, but I am justified in appointing him by the valuable work he can do."

Many Doctors Volunteer.

In response to the call for volunteers in the medical profession, many are writing to the state board of health expressing their desire to go into service or telling that they are already in service. South Carolina lacks 150 medical men to fill the quota asked.

Men over 55 years of age who wish to answer their country's call are physically disqualified for active service, but can do their patriotic duty by joining volunteer reserve corps. For information regarding this branch applicants may get in touch with the committee, of which Dr. T. G. Simmons of Charleston is chairman. The other members of the committee are: Drs. Hines, Neuffer, Mood and Bratton. This committee decides whether those who volunteer are entitled to the insignia given by the war department to this corps.

Some Recent Charters.

The Gents' Outfitting Company of Andrews has been chartered by W. Banks Dove, secretary of state, with a capital stock of \$2,000. The officers of the corporation are G. H. Hanks, president, and W. T. Croft, secretary and treasurer, both of Andrews.

The Pamlico Warehouse Company of Pamlico has been chartered with a capital stock of \$10,000. The officers are A. A. Munn, president; H. P. Dargan, vice president, and B. D. Dargan, secretary and treasurer.

An increase in capital stock from \$125,000 to \$150,000 has been granted the Spartanburg Hotel Corporation by the secretary of state.

The Community Cannery of Charleston has been chartered with a capital stock of \$1,000. The officers of the cannery are Mrs. H. L. Beck, president; Mrs. John C. Tiedeman, vice-president; Mr. Isaac Marks, secretary and treasurer.

One Year for Pro-German Editor.

Information was received in Columbia that the judgment of the federal court in South Carolina in the case of Albert Orth had been affirmed and that Orth will now go to the federal penitentiary in Atlanta for a term of one year for aiding and abetting a German prisoner to escape. The case attracted unusual attention. Orth was editor of the Staats-Zeitung, a German paper published in Charleston. Knobloch and another German prisoner named Fay, escaped from the federal penitentiary, where they had been sent for conspiracy to sink American vessels. Knobloch after escaping appealed to Orth for assistance. This was denied, but Knobloch was directed by Orth to two men who donated \$20.

Semi-Annual Inspection.

Recent semi-annual inspections by the state board of charities and corrections revealed that "encouraging progress is being made, especially at the South Carolina Industrial School, the State Hospital for the Insane and the state penitentiary. The human unfortunate in these institutions is being increasingly considered. The physical plants are being improved. Crops are good in the three institutions mentioned as well as at the state reformatory for negro boys and at the state farm."

Beware of Bogus Solicitors.

An important phase of the work of the State Council of Defense, and one of the duties with which the council is charged, is the investigation of all agencies soliciting funds for war relief, except, of course, the regularly constituted governmental agencies such as the Red Cross. When investigation has been made and agencies soliciting funds have been found to be absolutely legitimate and their causes worthy, they are as a matter of course, given an O. K. by the defense council.

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE CAMPS

ONE HUNDRED GERMAN PRISONERS ASSIGNED TO CAMP JACKSON FOR FARM WORK.

QUICK WORK BY SURGEONS

More Than Two Thousand Men Are Examined in One Day and Finger Prints Taken.

Camp Jackson.

The Camp Jackson surgeons have completed the examination of the 15,000 selectmen sent to the camp at the last of the June drive. This gives the camp doctors a record of over 2,000 men examined a day. All of these men in addition to the regular examination have had their identification cards made out and their finger prints taken all done by the examining officers. They were all vaccinated and given their first "shot" of the typhoid treatment.

One hundred prisoners of war were scheduled to arrive at Camp Jackson to be assigned to farm duty. It was not announced whether the men were interned prisoners or men sent from overseas, but it is supposed that they are alien enemies sent to the camp from the war prison barracks at Fort McPherson, Ga., as a similar number of such prisoners are to be sent to Camp Sevier from that point.

T. C. Waite of Atlanta has arrived in Camp and will assume charge of the Home Service work at Camp Jackson when Mr. Brooks leaves for Spartanburg. Mr. Waite comes to Columbia from Camp Gordon where he had been engaged in camp Red Cross work.

While no official announcement has been made it is generally reported that Camp Jackson is to be enlarged so that a total of 90,000 troops can be cared for.

The number of men engaged in athletics at Camp Jackson last week broke all previous records. Between 28,000 and 30,000 men were actually active in some form of athletics despite the fact that the only period open to athletic work is just after supper.

The sharp crack of the U. S. three inch field piece and the heavy boom of the four point seven on the Camp Jackson artillery range are now mingled with the staccato report of the French 75. For over two weeks now the artillerymen stationed at the camp have been getting regular practice with this masterpiece of field ordnance so that they are now practically as familiar with it as with their old training pieces. For unlike the four point seven the 75's are actually used over seas.

Camp Sevier

A 200-acre farm is Camp Sevier's latest acquisition. Under the direction of the reclamation department, a tract of land near Locke's station, just outside the camp reservation, is now being put under cultivation and a variety of crops, including beans, potatoes, onions, corn, peas, and similar truck are being planted over large areas. The harvest, which is expected to be a record-breaker will afford many articles for the soldiers' daily mess.

Major D. H. Cotter, formerly assistant to the depot quartermaster at Atlanta, has arrived at Camp Sevier to assume the duties of camp quartermaster, succeeding Major E. A. Brown, who has left on a leave of absence and is not expected to return.

Camp Wadsworth.

The Spartanburg chamber of commerce executed to the United States government a lease on the tract of land embracing the bivouac camps and the artillery range. The tract consists of 15,000 acres and the annual rental to be paid by the government will be approximately \$30,000. The lease provides that the government may have a right to renew same from year to year until one year after the conclusion of the present war. The lease is dated from June 30, 1918, to July 1, 1919.

Registration to be Enforced.

Orangeburg.—Special efforts are now being made by the government to enforce registration. The United States commissioner at Orangeburg is busily preparing warrants for the arrest of probably 40 defendants who have failed to register in Orangeburg, Calhoun, Barnwell and Aiken counties. The officers of the various counties of South Carolina and citizens generally are expected to report to the district attorneys or the nearest United States commissioner violation of this or other United States laws.

Roast Beef Once a Week.

Columbia.—Roast beef can be served in public eating places only one day a week. Beef steak has almost disappeared. Most hotels and restaurants throughout the state have marked beef steak off the menus, and while, under the regulations, beef steak can be served for one meal on one day a week, the food administration looks with favor upon those public eating places which have eliminated beef steak entirely from their bills of fare until there is no longer any danger that there will not be enough beef

FOOD ADMINISTRATION

Decide That a Charge of Half Cent Per Pound Be Extortion.

SCHOOL

Columbia.—The county food administrators held a meeting. Nearly every county in the state was represented. The sugar, wheat and flour situations were discussed.

In regard to the sugar situation, the main matter for consideration requirement that all grocers, restaurants and bakers in the state must file a statement with the food administrator through the administrator and get their sugar tickets without which no sugar be secured.

The new milling rules were decided. It was decided that the farmer can sell their wheat to anyone choose, but that only a certain amount of wheat flour could be for them and their servants. Also farmers can not sell their flour except under the same restrictions as the mill merchant. The wheat threshers are considered under the same rule as the farmers.

Concerning the ice situation it was shown that the shortage was greatly affected by the needs of the ammunition plants for ammonia which is essential to ice manufacture. The plants in Columbia are turning out 190,000 tons of ice daily, of which 75,000 go to Camp Jackson. Out of the remaining 115,000 tons Columbia supplies a good deal of the neighboring country with ice, thus leaving for the immediate needs of the city about half as much as there is call for. In regard to the price, it was stated that as a general rule one-half cent a pound and 40 cents a hundred was a sufficient price and any over that amount would be an exorbitant price.

Bishop Guerry's Request Granted.

Columbia.—At a meeting of the standing committee of the diocese July 4, at which were present Dr. John Kershaw, the Rev. S. Carey Beckwith, the Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton, the Rev. A. S. Thomas, the Rev. A. R. Mitchell, the Rev. J. C. Bissell, H. P. Duvall and J. Nelson Frierson the following resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, the bishop of the diocese has volunteered his services to go to France as a special preacher to the men of the American expeditionary force, under the auspices of the U. S. C. A. for a period of six months, and has been accepted as such, and

"Whereas, he has presented to this committee a request that it shall give its consent to his absence from the diocese for the said period of six months, according to the provisions of Canon 13, section 1, of this church, that he may perform the duties for which he has offered himself.

"Resolved, That this committee hereby accedes to the bishop's request and gives its consent to his absence from the diocese for the space of six months from August, 1918, or such other time as he may elect to leave.

"Resolved, That this committee, in the name of the diocese, desires to give expression to its appreciation of the high and patriotic sense of duty on the part of the bishop in thus offering for this inspiring service, and bids him a hearty God-speed.

Need Cement to Complete Work.

Rock Hill.—T. W. Boyd, county supervisor, stated that the chain gang has put down about 1,200 yards of the concrete road between Rock Hill and the Catawba River. He fears, however, that the work will be held up now because of lack of cement, which is difficult to get and the supply is very uncertain. If the cement can be obtained the road will be completed at an early date and the county will have five miles of the best road to be found anywhere.

Large Compost Contracts.

Columbia.—The Powell Fuel Company is preparing to deliver large contracts of compost from army camps in the state. Recently the output from Camp Sevier was added to that from Camp Wadsworth and Camp Jackson and the total amount to be sold is several thousands tons a month from each of the army camps. Since the contracts were awarded to the Powell Fuel Company, more than 1,000 cars have been distributed. Earl M. Kamlner has been engaged as sales manager.

Cut Off Lights One Minute.

Chester.—At a meeting of city council it was ordered that beginning at once the mayor instruct the public lighting company to cut out incandescent lights at 9:30 o'clock each night for the space of one minute and that the same be done until the end of the war. The proclamation states: "Our object in doing this is to remind our citizens of the terrible war that our country and their allies are waging across the sea and for the untold suffering and hardships imposed upon the allied peoples of Europe by war."

LIFT OFF CORNS!

Drop Freezone on a touchy corn, then lift that corn off with fingers

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